

ON THE AUTOMORPHISM-INVARIANCE OF FINITELY GENERATED IDEALS AND FORMAL MATRIX RINGS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we study rings having the property that every finitely generated right ideal is automorphism-invariant. Such rings are called right fa -rings. It is shown that a right fa -ring with finite Goldie dimension is a direct sum of a semisimple artinian ring and a basic semiperfect ring. From this, we obtain that if R is a right fa -ring with finite Goldie dimension such that every minimal right ideal is a right annihilator and the right socle is essential in R_R , R is also indecomposable (as ring), not simple with non-trivial idempotents then R is QF. In this case, QF-rings are the same as q -, fq -, a -, fa -rings. We also obtain a result of the automorphism-invariance of formal matrix rings.

1. INTRODUCTION

Johnson and Wong [11] proved that a module M is invariant under any endomorphism of its injective envelope if and only if any homomorphism from a submodule of M to M can be extended to an endomorphism of M . A module satisfying one of these equivalent conditions is called a *quasi-injective* module. Clearly any injective module is quasi-injective. A module M which is invariant under automorphisms of its injective envelope has been called an *automorphism-invariant* module. The class of these modules were investigated by many authors, e.g., [1], [2], [6], [8], [14], [18], [20]. The generalizations of quasi-injectivity were considered. Many results were obtained for a right q -ring (i.e., every right ideal is quasi-injective) [9], [7], for a right a -ring (i.e., every right ideal is automorphism-invariant) [12], for a right fq -ring (i.e., every finitely generated right ideal is quasi-injective), for a right fa -ring (i.e., every finitely generated right ideal is automorphism-invariant) [17]. In this paper, we continue consider the structure

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of a *fa*-ring with some addition conditions, for example, the finite Goldie dimension of the ring R , or R is semiperfect,.... Besides, we also consider the automorphism-invariance of formal matrix rings.

Throughout this article all rings are associative rings with identity and all modules are right unital unless stated otherwise. For a submodule N of M , we use $N \leq M$ ($N < M$, resp.) to mean that N is a submodule of M (proper submodule, resp.), and we write $N \leq^e M$ and $N \leq^\oplus M$ to indicate that N is an essential submodule of M and N is a direct summand of M , respectively. We denote by $Soc(M)$ and $E(M)$, the socle and the injective envelope of M , respectively. The Jacobson radical of a ring R is denoted by $J(R)$ or J . A ring R is called *semiperfect* in case $R/J(R)$ is semisimple artinian and idempotents lift modulo $J(R)$. It is equivalent to every finitely generated right (left) R -module has a projective cover. A module is called *uniform* if the intersection of any two nonzero submodules is nonzero. A ring R is called *I-finite* if it contains no infinite orthogonal family of idempotents. A ring R is said to have *finite right Goldie dimension* if R does not contain an infinite direct sum of nonzero right ideals. A ring R is called *right pseudo-Frobenius* (briefly, right PF) if R is right self-injective, semiperfect and $Soc(R_R) \leq^e R_R$. A ring R is *local* if R has a unique maximal left (right) ideal. We call an idempotent $e \in R$ *local* if $eRe \cong End_R(eR)$ is a local ring. For any term not defined here the reader is referred to [3], [5], [13] and [19].

Our paper will be structured as follows: In Section 1, we will give concepts, some known results that are used or cited throughout in this paper. Section 2 deals with rings whose every finitely generated ideal is automorphism-invariant. We have a right *fa*-ring with finite Goldie dimension is a direct sum of a semisimple artinian ring and a basic semiperfect ring. Next, we consider the right *fa*-ring with finite Goldie dimension such that every minimal right ideal is a right annihilator and the right it's socle is essential in R_R . We obtain some properties of the kind of these rings. From these, we have that for this ring and moreover it is also indecomposable (as ring), not simple with non-trivial idempotents then it is QF. In this case, QF-rings are the same as $q-$, $fq-$, $a-$, *fa*-rings. Section 3 discusses about the invariance of formal matrix rings. Let $K = \begin{pmatrix} R & M \\ N & S \end{pmatrix}$ and (X, Y, f, g) be a right K -module, \tilde{f} and \tilde{g} be isomorphisms. Then (X, Y, f, g) is an automorphism-invariant right K -module if and only if X is an automorphism-invariant right R -module and Y is an automorphism-invariant right S -module.

2. ON FA-RINGS WITH FINITE GOLDIE DIMENSION

Recall that a ring R is a right fa -ring (fq -ring, resp.) if every finitely generated right ideal of R is automorphism-invariant (quasi-injective, resp.).

Remark 1. Applying [12, Lemma 2.1] we deduce the following result:

Let R be commutative ring. then R is a fa -ring if and only if it is an automorphism-invariant ring.

Example 2. It is clear that a -rings are fa -rings. And we have the example of a -rings but not self-injective. For example, consider the ring R consisting of all eventually constant sequences of elements from \mathbb{F}_2 . Clearly, R is a commutative a -ring. But R is not self-injective. Thus, fa -rings are not fq -rings.

Example 3. The ring of linear transformations $R := \text{End}(V_D)$ of a vector space V infinite-dimensional over a division ring D . It follows that R is not a right a -ring. Because V is not finite dimensional. But R is a right fa -ring, since every finitely generated ideal is a direct summand of R and R is right self-injective.

Let R be a semiperfect ring. Then, there exists a set of orthogonal local idempotents $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$ such that $1 = e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_m$. We may assume that $\{e_i R / e_i J(R) \mid 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ is a complete set of representatives of the isomorphism classes of the simple right R -modules. In this case, $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$ is called the set of *basic idempotents* for R , and if $e = e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_m$, the ring $e R e$ is called the *basic ring* of R . Note that $e R \cong f R$ if and only if $e R / e J(R) \cong f R / f J(R)$ for idempotents e and f of R by Jacobson's Lemma (see [16, Lemma B.12]). The ring R is itself called a *basic semiperfect ring* if $m = n$, that is, if $1 = e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_m$, where the e_i are a basic set of local idempotents.

Lemma 4. *If R is a right automorphism-invariant I-finite ring, then R is a semiperfect ring.*

The following result is the main result of this section.

Theorem 5. *Let R be a right fa -ring with finite Goldie dimension. Then R is a direct sum of a semisimple artinian ring and a basic semiperfect ring.*

Proof. By Lemma 4, R is a semiperfect ring, and so there exists a set of orthogonal local idempotents $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$ such that $1 = e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_m$. Suppose that $e_i R \not\cong e_j R$ for all $i \neq j$ with $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$. Then, we are done. Assume that e_i , for some $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$, is a local idempotent of R such that there

are direct summands isomorphic to $e_i R$ in each decomposition of R_R as a direct sum of indecomposable modules. Thus, there exists an idempotent e' of R such that $e_i R \cap e' R = 0$ and $e_i R \cong e' R$. It follows, from [17, Lemma 4.2], that $e_i R$ is a semisimple module. On the other hand, we have that $e_i R$ is an indecomposable module and obtain that $e_i R$ is simple. Let eR be the direct sum of all copies of $e_i R$ in the decomposition of $R = e_1 R \oplus e_2 R \oplus \cdots \oplus e_m R$. Note that eR is a direct summand of R . We can assume that e is an idempotent of R . Then, we have a decomposition $R = eR \oplus (1 - e)R$. Next, we show that eR and $(1 - e)R$ are ideals of R . In order to show this, it is necessary to prove that $eR(1 - e) = 0$ and $(1 - e)Re = 0$.

Suppose $(1 - e)Re \neq 0$. Take $(1 - e)te \neq 0$ for some $t \in R$. Then there are primitive idempotents e_j and e_k such that $e_j R \cong e_i R$, $e_k R \not\cong e_i R$ with $j, k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$, $e_j \in eR$, $e_k \in (1 - e)R$ and $e_k t e_j \neq 0$. We consider the following map $\alpha : e_j R \rightarrow e_k R$ defined by $\alpha(e_j r) = e_k t e_j r$ for all $r \in R$. One can check that α is a nonzero homomorphism. Note that $e_j R$ is simple. Thus, α is a monomorphism. On the other hand, we have a direct sum $e_j R \oplus e_k R$. Since R is a right fa -ring, $e_j R \oplus e_k R$ is an automorphism-invariant module, and so $e_j R$ is $e_k R$ -injective by [14, Theorem 5]. From this, it immediately follows that α splits. We have that $e_k R$ is simple and obtain that $e_j R \cong e_k R$, a contradiction. We deduce that $(1 - e)Re = 0$, and so eR is an ideal of R .

Similarly to the above proof, suppose that $eR(1 - e) \neq 0$. Call $eu(1 - e) \neq 0$ for some $u \in R$. Then there are primitive idempotents e_p and e_q of R such that $e_p R \cong e_i R$, $e_q R \not\cong e_i R$ with $p, q \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$, $e_p \in eR$, $e_q \in (1 - e)R$ and $e_p u e_q \neq 0$. We consider the following map $\beta : e_q R \rightarrow e_p R$ defined by $\beta(e_q r) = e_p u e_q r$ for all $r \in R$. Then, β is a nonzero epimorphism by the simplicity of $e_p R$. Since $e_p R$ is projective, β splits. One can check that $e_q R \cong e_p R$. This is a contradiction, and so $eR(1 - e) = 0$. We deduce that $(1 - e)R$ is an ideal of R .

Thus, eR is a semisimple artinian ring and $(1 - e)R$ is a basic semiperfect ring. \square

Next, we give some properties of minimal right and left ideals of R . Moreover, the self-injectivity of R is considered.

Lemma 6. *Let R be a right automorphism-invariant ring and $\text{Soc}(R_R) \leq^e R_R$ such that every minimal right ideal is a right annihilator.*

- (1) *If xR is a minimal right ideal of R , then $l_{RrR}(x) = Rx$ and Rx is a minimal left ideal of R .*
- (2) *If Ry is a minimal left ideal of R then yR is a minimal right ideal of R and $l_{RrR}(Ry) = Ry$. In particular, $\text{Soc}(R_R) = \text{Soc}({}_R R)$ is denoted by S .*

- (3) $\text{Soc}(eR)$ and $\text{Soc}(Re)$ are simple for all local idempotents $e \in R$.
(4) If R is I-finite then R is a right PF-ring.

Proof. (1) Assume that xR is a minimal right ideal of R . It is easy to see that $Rx \leq l_R r_R(x)$. For the converse, let $t \in l_R r_R(x)$ be a nonzero element. Then, we have $r_R(x) \leq r_R(t)$, and so $r_R(x) = r_R(t)$ by the maximality of $r_R(x)$. It follows that $Rx = Rt$ by [18, Lemma 1]. Then, $t \in Rx$ and so $l_R r_R(x) \leq Rx$ or $l_R r_R(x) = Rx$. On the other hand, for any nonzero element y in Rx , we have $r_R(x) \leq r_R(y)$, and so $r_R(x) = r_R(y)$ by the maximality of $r_R(x)$. It shows that $Rx = Ry$ is a minimal left ideal. We deduce that Rx is a minimal left ideal of R .

(2) Suppose that Ry is a minimal left ideal of R . Since $\text{Soc}(R_R) \leq^e R_R$, yR contains a minimal right ideal mR of R . Thus, $l_R(y) = l_R(m)$. It follows that $y \in r_R l_R(y) = r_R l_R(m) = mR \leq yR$ by our assumption, and so $yR = mR$. Thus, yR is a minimal right ideal of R . The rest is followed by (1).

(3) Take kR a minimal right ideal of eR . Then, Rk is a minimal left ideal of R . Therefore, $l_R(kR) \geq R(1-e)$ and $l_R(kR) = l_R(k) \geq J(R)$. It follows that $l_R(kR) = J(R) + R(1-e)$ because $J(R) + R(1-e)$ is the unique maximal left ideal containing $R(1-e)$. By our assumption we have

$$kR = r_R l_R(kR) = r_R [J(R) + R(1-e)] = r_R (J(R)) \cap eR = \text{Soc}(R_R) \cap eR = \text{Soc}(eR)$$

It shows that $\text{Soc}(eR)$ is a minimal right ideal of R .

Similarly, we also have $\text{Soc}(Re)$ is simple for all local idempotents $e \in R$.

(4) From the hypothesis, we have R is a semiperfect ring. We have a decomposition $R = e_1 R \oplus e_2 R \oplus \cdots \oplus e_m R$. By (2), we have that $e_i R$ is uniform for any $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$, and so R is right self-injective by [14, Corollary 15]. We deduce that R is a right PF-ring. \square

Fact 7. All endomorphism rings of indecomposable automorphism-invariant modules are local rings.

Lemma 8. *Let R be a right fa-ring with finite Goldie dimension, e be a primitive idempotent of R . Then the following conditions are hold:*

- (1) If $\alpha : eR \rightarrow R$ is a nonzero homomorphism with $eR \cap \alpha(eR) = 0$ then $\alpha(eR)$ is a simple module.
(2) If $(1-e)Re \neq 0$ then $eR(1-e) \neq 0$.

Proof. (1) Note that eR is local. Then, $\alpha(eR)$ is indecomposable. Let U be an arbitrary essential submodule of $\alpha(eR)$, then $E(U) = E(\alpha(eR))$. Since R has finite Goldie dimension, there exists a finitely generated right ideal I with $I \leq^e U$. It follows that $I \leq^e U \leq^e \alpha(eR)$, and so $E(I) = E(U) = E(\alpha(eR))$. Since $I \oplus eR$

is a finitely generated right ideal of R , $I \oplus eR$ is automorphism-invariant. It follows that I is eR -injective. On the other hand, there exists a homomorphism $\bar{\alpha} : E(eR) \rightarrow E(\alpha(eR))$ such that $\bar{\alpha}|_{eR} = \alpha$. We have that $E(I) = E(\alpha(eR))$ and I is eR -injective and obtain that $\bar{\alpha}(eR) \leq I \leq U$. It shows that $\alpha(eR) \leq U$. We deduce that $\alpha(eR) = \text{Soc}(\alpha(eR))$, and so $\alpha(eR)$ is semisimple. We deduce that $\alpha(eR)$ is simple.

(2) Assume that $(1 - e)Re \neq 0$. Note that R is automorphism-invariant, eR is $(1 - e)R$ -injective and $(1 - e)R$ is eR -injective. Call $\alpha : eR \rightarrow (1 - e)R$ a nonzero homomorphism. Now, we assume that $eR(1 - e) = 0$. Then, $eRe = eR$ is a local ring with its unique maximal ideal $eJ(R)$. If $eJ(R) = 0$ then eR is simple right R -module and so $\alpha(eR) \cong eR$. It follows that $\alpha^{-1} : \alpha(eR) \rightarrow eR$ is extended to a homomorphism from $(1 - e)R$ to eR . It means that $eR(1 - e) \neq 0$. Now, if $eJ(R)$ is nonzero, then we get a nonzero element x in $eJ(R)$. We have that eRe is local and obtain that there exists an eRe -epimorphism $\beta : xeR \rightarrow eR/eJ(R)$. On the other hand, we have $eRe = eR$ and so β is an R -homomorphism. From (1) it immediately infers that $eR/eJ(R) \cong \alpha(eR) \leq (1 - e)R$. Then, there exists a nonzero homomorphism $\gamma : eR/eJ(R) \rightarrow (1 - e)R$. It follows that composition of β and γ is a nonzero homomorphism $\gamma \circ \beta : xeR \rightarrow (1 - e)R$. Again, $(1 - e)R$ is eR -injective we have that there is a nonzero homomorphism $\theta : eR \rightarrow (1 - e)R$ such that θ is an extension of $\gamma \circ \beta$. Moreover, we have $xeR \leq eJ(R) = \text{Ker}(\theta)$ (by (1)) which implies that $(\gamma \circ \beta)(xeR) = \theta(xeR) = 0$, a contradiction. Thus, $eR(1 - e) \neq 0$. \square

Proposition 9. *An indecomposable right fa-ring with finite Goldie dimension such that every minimal right ideal is a right annihilator. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) R has essential right socle.
- (2) $\text{Soc}(R_R) = \text{Soc}({}_R R)$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) by Lemma 6.

(2) \Rightarrow (1). Assume that $\text{Soc}(R_R) = \text{Soc}({}_R R)$. Since R is semiperfect, $R = e_1R \oplus e_2R \oplus \cdots \oplus e_mR$ with a set of orthogonal local idempotents $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$ of R . Since R is an indecomposable ring, $e_iR(1 - e_i) \neq 0$ or $(1 - e_i)Re_i \neq 0$ for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$. Suppose that $(1 - e_i)Re_i \neq 0$. Then by Lemma 8 we have $e_iR(1 - e_i) \neq 0$. We deduce that $e_iR(1 - e_i) \neq 0$ for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$. Take $\alpha_i : (1 - e_i)R \rightarrow e_iR$ a nonzero homomorphism. Then by Lemma 4.2 in [17], $\text{Im}(\alpha_i)$ is semisimple. It follows that $\text{Soc}(e_iR) \neq 0$ for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$.

For any $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$, take kR a minimal right ideal of e_iR . Then, Rk is a minimal left ideal of R . Therefore, $l_R(kR) \geq R(1 - e_i)$ and $l_R(kR) = l_R(k) \geq$

$J(R)$. It follows that $l_R(kR) = J(R) + R(1 - e_i)$ because $J(R) + R(1 - e_i)$ is the unique maximal left ideal containing $R(1 - e_i)$. By our assumption we have

$$kR = r_R l_R(kR) = r_R [J(R) + R(1 - e_i)] = r_R (J(R)) \cap e_i R = \text{Soc}(R_R) \cap e_i R = \text{Soc}(e_i R)$$

It shows that $\text{Soc}(e_i R)$ is a minimal right ideal of R for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$. It follows that $\text{Soc}(e_i R)$ is essential in $e_i R$. Thus, $\text{Soc}(R)$ is essential in R_R . \square

In this section, we assume that R is a **right fa -ring with finite Goldie dimension such that every minimal right ideal is a right annihilator and $\text{Soc}(R_R)$ is essential in R_R** . Moreover, R is semiperfect, and so there exists a set of orthogonal local idempotents $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$ of R such that $1 = e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_m$. Call $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ a set of basic idempotents for R with $n \leq m$.

Lemma 10. *If e and f are two orthogonal idempotents of R then $eRf \subseteq \text{Soc}(R_R)$.*

Proof. Suppose that e and f are two orthogonal idempotents of R . Then, $eR \cap fR = 0$. If $eRf = 0$, we are done. Otherwise, let exf be a nonzero arbitrary element of eRf . We consider a nonzero homomorphism $\alpha : fR \rightarrow eR$ defined by $\alpha(fr) = exfr$ for all $r \in R$. By [17, Lemma 4.2], we have that $\text{Im}(\alpha) = exfR$ is semisimple. It follows that $exf \in \text{Soc}(R_R)$. We deduce that $eRf \subseteq \text{Soc}(R_R)$. \square

Let R be a semiperfect ring with basic idempotents $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$. A permutation σ of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ is called a *Nakayama permutation* for R if $\text{Soc}(Re_{\sigma(i)}) \cong Re_i/J(R)e_i$ and $\text{Soc}(e_i R) \cong e_{\sigma(i)}R/e_{\sigma(i)}J(R)$ for each $i = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. A ring R is called *quasi-Frobenius* (brief, QF) if R is one-sided artinian one-sided self-injective, see [16]. It is well-known that every QF-ring has a Nakayama permutation.

Lemma 11. *Let R be an indecomposable ring with non-trivial idempotents. Then, R has a Nakayama permutation σ of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. In particular, $\sigma(i) \neq i$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ if R is not a simple ring.*

Proof. By the hypothesis, R is indecomposable and so R is either semisimple artinian or basic semiperfect by Theorem 5. If R is a semisimple artinian ring then R has a Nakayama permutation. Now, we assume that R is not a simple ring. It follows that R is a basic semiperfect ring.

For any $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, from the simplicity of $\text{Soc}(e_i R)$, it infers that there exists $\sigma(i) \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ such that $\text{Soc}(e_i R) \cong e_{\sigma(i)}R/e_{\sigma(i)}J(R)$. This map σ is a permutation of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ because $\sigma(i) = \sigma(j)$ implies that $\text{Soc}(e_i R) \cong \text{Soc}(e_j R)$. By the injectivity of $e_i R$ and $e_j R$, we infer that $e_i R \cong e_j R$, and so

$i = j$ (because the e_i are basic). Let $\alpha : e_{\sigma(i)}R/e_{\sigma(i)}J(R) \rightarrow \text{Soc}(e_iR)$ be an isomorphism and $s_i = \alpha(e_{\sigma(i)} + e_{\sigma(i)}J(R))$. It follows that $s_iR = \text{Soc}(e_iR)$ is a minimal right ideal of R . One can check that $J(R) + R(1 - e_i) \leq l_R(s_i)$. But $R/[J(R) + R(1 - e_i)] \cong Re_i/J(R)e_i$ is simple, and so $l_R(s_i) = J(R) + R(1 - e_i)$. It follows that $Rs_i \cong Re_i/J(R)e_i$. Now observe that $s_i = s_i e_{\sigma(i)} \in \text{Soc}(e_iR)e_{\sigma(i)} = \text{Soc}(Re_{\sigma(i)})$. We have, from Lemma 6, that $\text{Soc}(Re_{\sigma(i)})$ is simple and obtain that $\text{Soc}(Re_{\sigma(i)}) \cong Re_i/J(R)e_i$. Thus, R has a Nakayama permutation σ of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.

Next, we suppose that $\sigma(i) = i$ for some $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ or $\text{Soc}(e_iR) \cong e_iR/e_iJ(R)$. Assume that $e_iR(1 - e_i) \neq 0$. Since R is a basic semiperfect ring, there would exist $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ with $j \neq i$ such that $e_iRe_j \neq 0$. Then, there exists a nonzero homomorphism $\beta : e_jR \rightarrow e_iR$. By [12, Lemma 4.1] and e_iR is uniform, we infer that $\text{Im}(\beta)$ is simple. It follows that $\text{Im}(\beta) = \text{Soc}(e_iR)$ and $\text{Ker}(\beta)$ is maximal in e_jR . Then, $\text{Ker}(\beta) = e_jJ(R)$ which implies that $e_jR/e_jJ(R) \cong \text{Soc}(e_iR) \cong e_iR/e_iJ(R)$. From this, it immediately infers that $e_iR \cong e_jR$, a contradiction. It is shown that $e_iR(1 - e_i) = 0$. Similarly, we have $(1 - e_i)Re_i = 0$. In fact, if $(1 - e_i)Re_i \neq 0$, then $e_kRe_i \neq 0$ for some $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ with $k \neq i$. By the above similar proof, we infer that $\text{Soc}(e_iR) \cong e_iR/e_iJ(R) \cong \text{Soc}(e_kR)$. By the injectivity of e_iR and e_kR , we have $e_iR \cong e_kR$ which is impossible. It is shown that e_i is central, a contradiction. We deduce that $\sigma(i) \neq i$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. □

Lemma 12. *Let R be an indecomposable ring not simple with non-trivial idempotents. Then, e_iRe_i is a division ring for any $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.*

Proof. By the hypothesis, R is a basic semiperfect ring and $1 = e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_n$. For any $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, there exists $j \neq i$ with $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ such that $e_iRe_j \neq 0$ by Lemma 11. Suppose that $e_iR(1 - e_i) = 0$. Then, $e_iR(\sum_{k \neq i}^n e_k) = 0$ which implies that $e_iRe_j = 0$, a contradiction. Thus, $e_iR(1 - e_i) \neq 0$. Next, we show that $e_iJ(R)e_i = 0$. We have $e_iR(1 - e_i) \subset \text{Soc}(e_iR)$ by Lemma 10, and so $e_iR(1 - e_i) = \text{Soc}(e_iR)(1 - e_i)$. Now, we show that $e_iJ(R)e_i$ is a submodule of e_iR . Since R is right automorphism-invariant, $J(R) = \{a \in R : r_R(a) \leq^e R\}$ by [8, Proposition 1] and so $J(R)\text{Soc}(e_iR) = 0$. Now $(e_iJ(R)e_i)\text{Soc}(e_iR) = e_iJ(R)\text{Soc}(e_iR) = 0$ which implies $(e_iJ(R)e_i)(e_iR(1 - e_i)) = 0$. On the other hand, we have

$$e_iJ(R)e_iR = e_iJ(R)e_i(Re_i + R(1 - e_i)) = e_iJ(R)e_iRe_i \subset e_iJ(R)e_i.$$

Hence $e_i J(R) e_i$ is an R -submodule of $e_i R$. Since $\text{Soc}(e_i R)$ is simple, we have $e_i J(R) e_i \cap \text{Soc}(e_i R) = 0$ or $\text{Soc}(e_i R) \leq e_i J(R) e_i$. Suppose $\text{Soc}(e_i R) \leq e_i J(R) e_i$. Then $e_i R(1 - e_i) = \text{Soc}(e_i R)(1 - e_i) \leq e_i J(R) e_i(1 - e_i) = 0$, a contradiction. It follows that $e_i J(R) e_i \cap \text{Soc}(e_i R) = 0$. Thus $e_i J(R) e_i = 0$ because $\text{Soc}(e_i R)$ is essential in $e_i R$. Note that $e_i R e_i \cong \text{End}(e_i R)$ is a local ring. We deduce that $e_i R e_i$ is a division ring. \square

Theorem 13. *If R is an indecomposable (as ring) ring not simple with non-trivial idempotents, then R is a QF-ring.*

Proof. By Lemma 6 and the hypothesis, R is a basic semiperfect right self-injective ring and $\text{Soc}(R_R)$ is an artinian right R -module. We have a decomposition $R = e_1 R \oplus e_2 R \oplus \cdots \oplus e_n R$. Then

$$R = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i R e_i + \sum_{i \neq j}^n e_i R e_j$$

Note that $e_i R e_j \subseteq \text{Soc}(R_R)$ for all $i \neq j$ by Lemma 10. We consider the following mapping

$$\phi : R/\text{Soc}(R_R) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^n e_i R e_i$$

via $\phi(\sum_{i=1}^n e_i r_i e_i) + \text{Soc}(R_R) = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i r_i e_i$. We show that ϕ is an isomorphism. If $\sum_{i=1}^n e_i r_i e_i \in S$, then $e_i r_i e_i \in e_i S e_i$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Since $e_i J(R)$ is the unique maximal submodule of $e_i R$, $e_i \text{Soc}(R_R) \leq e_i J(R)$, and so $e_i r_i e_i \in e_i J(R) e_i$. Note that $e_i J(R) e_i = 0$ by Lemma 12. It shows that ϕ is a mapping. One can check that ϕ is a ring homomorphism. Moreover, ϕ is a bijection, and so ϕ is a ring isomorphism. It shows that $R/\text{Soc}(R_R)$ is a semisimple artinian ring. We deduce that R is a right artinian ring, and so R is QF. \square

Corollary 14. *Let R be an indecomposable (as ring) ring not simple with non-trivial idempotents. Then, the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) R is a right q -ring.
- (2) R is a right fq -ring.
- (3) R is a right a -ring.
- (4) R is a right fa -ring.
- (5) $eRf \subseteq \text{Soc}(R_R)$ for each pair e, f of orthogonal idempotents of R .
- (6) R is an QF-ring.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2), (3); (2) \Rightarrow (4) and (3) \Rightarrow (4) are obvious.

(4) \Rightarrow (5) by Lemma 10.

(5) \Rightarrow (6). By Theorem 13, R is a basic semiperfect QF-ring.

(6) \Rightarrow (1). Since R is QF, it follows that R_R is injective cogenerator. Thus, R is a right q -ring by [7, Theorem 2.9]. \square

3. THE AUTOMORPHISM-INVARIANCE OF FORMAL MATRIX RINGS

Let R and S be two rings and M be a $R - S$ -bimodule and N be a $S - R$ -bimodule. Take the set of matrices

$$K = \begin{pmatrix} R & M \\ N & S \end{pmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} r & m \\ n & s \end{pmatrix} \mid r \in R, s \in S, m \in M, n \in N \right\}$$

Assume that there exist an R -homomorphism $\varphi : M \otimes_S N \rightarrow R$ and an S -homomorphism $\psi : N \otimes_R M \rightarrow S$ such that

$$\varphi(m \otimes n)m' = m\psi(n \otimes m'), \quad \psi(n \otimes m)n' = n\varphi(m \otimes n')$$

for all $m, m' \in M$ and $n, n' \in N$. For convenience in using notations, we can write $\varphi(m \otimes n) := mn$, $\psi(n \otimes m) := nm$ and $MN := \varphi(M \otimes_S N)$, $NM := \psi(N \otimes_R M)$.

Then, K is a ring with the addition and multiplication as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} r & m \\ n & s \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} r' & m' \\ n' & s' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r + r' & m + m' \\ n + n' & s + s' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} r & m \\ n & s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r' & m' \\ n' & s' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} rr' + mn' & rm' + ms' \\ nr' + sn' & nm' + ss' \end{pmatrix}$$

The ring K is called a *formal matrix ring or generalized matrix rings* (see [13] or [15]). It is well-known that the category of right K -module $\text{Mod-}K$ is equivalent to the category $\mathcal{A}(K)$ of objects (X, Y, f, g) , where X is a right R -module, Y is a right S -module, $f : X \otimes_R M \rightarrow Y$ is an S -homomorphism and $g : Y \otimes_S N \rightarrow X$ is an R -homomorphism. The right K -module (X, Y, f, g) is the additive group $X \oplus Y$ with right K -action given by

$$(x \ y) \begin{pmatrix} r & m \\ n & s \end{pmatrix} = (xr + g(y \otimes n), f(x \otimes m) + ys)$$

such that the following diagrams are commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
X \otimes_R M \otimes_S N & \xrightarrow{f \otimes 1_N} & Y \otimes_S N & \xrightarrow{g} & X \\
\downarrow 1_X \otimes \varphi & & & & \downarrow 1_X \\
X \otimes_R R & \xrightarrow{\mu} & & & X \\
\\
Y \otimes_S N \otimes_R M & \xrightarrow{g \otimes 1_M} & X \otimes_R M & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\
\downarrow 1_Y \otimes \psi & & & & \downarrow 1_Y \\
Y \otimes_S S & \xrightarrow{\nu} & & & Y
\end{array}$$

where $\mu : X \otimes_R R \rightarrow X$ and $\nu : Y \otimes_S S \rightarrow Y$ are canonical isomorphisms.

Next, we consider homomorphisms of K -modules. Let (X_1, Y_1, f_1, g_1) and (X_2, Y_2, f_2, g_2) be right K -modules. A right K -homomorphism $\varphi : (X_1, Y_1, f_1, g_1) \rightarrow (X_2, Y_2, f_2, g_2)$ is a pair (φ_1, φ_2) where $\varphi_1 : X_1 \rightarrow X_2$ is an R -homomorphism and $\varphi_2 : Y_1 \rightarrow Y_2$ is an S -homomorphism such that the following diagrams are commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
X_1 \otimes_R M & \xrightarrow{f_1} & Y_1 \\
\downarrow \varphi_1 \otimes 1_M & & \downarrow \varphi_2 \\
X_2 \otimes_R M & \xrightarrow{f_2} & Y_2 \\
\\
Y_1 \otimes_S N & \xrightarrow{g_1} & X_1 \\
\downarrow \varphi_2 \otimes 1_N & & \downarrow \varphi_1 \\
Y_2 \otimes_S N & \xrightarrow{g_2} & X_2
\end{array}$$

Note that a K -homomorphism $\varphi = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2) : (X_1, Y_1, f_1, g_1) \rightarrow (X_2, Y_2, f_2, g_2)$ is a monomorphism (epimorphism, resp.) if and only if φ_1 and φ_2 are monomorphisms (epimorphisms, resp.).

A submodule of a right K -module (X, Y, f, g) is a quadruple (X_0, Y_0, f_0, g_0) , where $X_0 \leq X_R, Y_0 \leq Y_S$ such that the following diagrams are commutative.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
X_0 \otimes_R M & \xrightarrow{f_0} & Y_0 \\
\downarrow \iota_1 \otimes 1_M & & \downarrow \iota_2 \\
X \otimes_R M & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\
\\
Y_0 \otimes_S N & \xrightarrow{g_0} & X_0 \\
\downarrow \iota_2 \otimes 1_N & & \downarrow \iota_1 \\
Y \otimes_S N & \xrightarrow{g} & X
\end{array}$$

with $\iota_1 : X_0 \rightarrow X$, $\iota_2 : Y_0 \rightarrow Y$ the inclusion maps. This is equivalent $X_0 M \subseteq Y_0$ and $Y_0 N \subseteq X_0$.

Let $K = \begin{pmatrix} R & M \\ N & S \end{pmatrix}$ and X be a right R -module. Denote by $H(X) = \text{Hom}_R(N, X)$.

We consider the following homomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned}
u_X : X \otimes_R M &\longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(N, X) \\
x \otimes m &\longmapsto u(x \otimes m) : N \rightarrow X \\
n &\longmapsto u(x \otimes m)(n) = x(mn)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
v_X : \text{Hom}_R(N, X) \otimes_S N &\longrightarrow X \\
\alpha \otimes n &\longmapsto \alpha(n)
\end{aligned}$$

One can check that $(X, H(X), u_X, v_X)$ is a right K -module. Similarly, we also have that $(H(Y), Y, v_Y, u_Y)$ is a right K -module for all right S -module Y with $H(Y) = \text{Hom}_S(M, Y)$ and $v_Y : H(Y) \otimes_R M \rightarrow Y$ and $u_Y : Y \otimes_S N \rightarrow H(Y)$.

Let (X, Y, f, g) be a right K -module. Then, we have the following R -homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{f} : X &\longrightarrow \text{Hom}_S(M, Y) = H(Y) \\
x &\longmapsto \tilde{f}(x) : M \rightarrow Y \\
m &\longmapsto \tilde{f}(x)(m) = f(x \otimes m)
\end{aligned}$$

and S -homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{g} : Y &\longrightarrow \text{Hom}_S(N, X) = H(X) \\ y &\longmapsto \tilde{g}(y) : N \rightarrow X \\ n &\longmapsto \tilde{g}(y)(n) = g(y \otimes n)\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 15. *Let $K = \begin{pmatrix} R & M \\ N & S \end{pmatrix}$ and (X, Y, f, g) be a right K -module. Assume that \tilde{f} and \tilde{g} are isomorphisms. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) (X, Y, f, g) is an automorphism-invariant right K -module.
- (2) (a) X is an automorphism-invariant right R -module.
(b) Y is an automorphism-invariant right S -module.

Proof. (2) \Rightarrow (1). By Lemma 2.3 in [15], there exist isomorphisms $\tilde{\mu} : E(X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_S(M, E(Y))$ and $\tilde{\eta} : E(Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(N, E(X))$ such that $(E(X), E(Y), \mu, \eta)$ is the injective envelope of (X, Y, f, g) . Let $\varphi = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$ be an automorphism of $(E(X), E(Y), \mu, \eta)$ then φ_1 is an R -automorphism of $E(X)$ and φ_2 is an S -automorphism of $E(Y)$. Since X is an automorphism-invariant right R -module and Y is an automorphism-invariant right S -module, it follows that (X, Y, f, g) is an automorphism-invariant right K -module.

(1) \Rightarrow (2) Assume that (X, Y, f, g) is an automorphism-invariant right K -module. We show that X is an automorphism-invariant right R -module. To prove this, firstly we show that $(X, Y, f, g) \cong (X, H(X), u_X, v_X)$. In fact that we consider the mapping $(1_X, \tilde{g}) : (X, Y, f, g) \rightarrow (X, H(X), u_X, v_X)$.

Since (X, Y, f, g) is a right K -module, $g \circ (f \otimes 1_N) = \mu \circ (1_X \otimes \varphi)$, where $\mu : X \otimes_R R \rightarrow X$ is the canonical isomorphism and $\varphi : M \otimes_S N \rightarrow R$ is the multiplication in K . Then, for all $x \in X$, $m \in M$ and $n \in M$, we have

$$(\tilde{g} \circ f)(x \otimes m)(n) = g(f(x \otimes m) \otimes n) = \mu(1_X \otimes \varphi)(x \otimes m \otimes n) = x(mn)$$

and

$$u_X(1_X \otimes 1_M)(x \otimes m)(n) = u_X(x \otimes m)(n) = x(mn)$$

It shows that $\tilde{g} \circ f = u_X \circ (1_X \otimes 1_M)$ and so the following diagram is commutative.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
X \otimes_R M & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\
\downarrow 1_X \otimes 1_M & & \downarrow \tilde{g} \\
X \otimes_R M & \xrightarrow{u_X} & H(X)
\end{array}$$

On the other hand, for all $y \in Y$ and $n \in N$, we have

$$v_X(\tilde{g} \otimes 1_N)(y \otimes n) = v_X(\tilde{g}(y) \otimes n) = \tilde{g}(y)(n) = g(y \otimes n) = 1_X g(y \otimes n)$$

and so $1_X \circ g = v_X \circ (\tilde{g} \otimes 1_N)$. It means that the following diagram is commutative.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
Y \otimes_S N & \xrightarrow{g} & X \\
\downarrow \tilde{g} \otimes 1_N & & \downarrow 1_X \\
H(X) \otimes_S N & \xrightarrow{v_X} & X
\end{array}$$

Thus, $(1_X, \tilde{g}) : (X, Y, f, g) \rightarrow (X, H(X), u_X, v_X)$ is a K -homomorphism. By our assumption, \tilde{g} is an isomorphism, $(1_X, \tilde{g})$ is an isomorphism. Then, $(X, H(X), u_X, v_X)$ is an automorphism-invariant right K -module.

Now, we show that X is an automorphism-invariant right R -module. Let $\alpha : A \rightarrow X$ be an R -monomorphism. Then, we have that $(A, H(A), u_A, v_A)$ is a submodule of $(X, H(X), u_X, v_X)$. We consider the mapping $\beta : H(A) \rightarrow H(X)$ via by the relation $\beta(h)(n) = \alpha(v_A(h \otimes n))$. One can check that β is an S -homomorphism. For all $a \in A$, $m \in M$ and $n \in M$, we have

$$(\beta \circ u_A)(a \otimes m)(n) = \alpha(v_A(u_A(a \otimes m) \otimes n)) = \alpha(\mu(1_A \otimes \varphi)(a \otimes m \otimes n)) = \alpha(a)mn$$

and

$$u_X(\alpha \otimes 1_M)(a \otimes m)(n) = u_X(\alpha(a) \otimes m)(n) = \alpha(a)mn$$

It shows that $\beta \circ u_A = u_X \circ (\alpha \otimes 1_M)$ and so the following diagram is commutative.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
A \otimes_R M & \xrightarrow{u_A} & H(A) \\
\downarrow \alpha \otimes 1_M & & \downarrow \beta \\
X \otimes_R M & \xrightarrow{u_X} & H(X)
\end{array}$$

On the other hand, for all $h \in H(A)$ and $n \in N$, we have

$$v_X(\beta \otimes 1_N)(h \otimes n) = v_X(\beta(h) \otimes n) = \beta(h)(n) = \alpha v_A(h \otimes n)$$

and so $\alpha \circ v_A = v_X \circ (\beta \otimes 1_N)$. It means that the following diagram is commutative.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H(A) \otimes_S N & \xrightarrow{v_A} & A \\ \downarrow \beta \otimes 1_N & & \downarrow \alpha \\ H(X) \otimes_S N & \xrightarrow{v_X} & X \end{array}$$

Thus, $(\alpha, \beta) : (A, H(A), u_A, v_A) \rightarrow (X, H(X), u_X, v_X)$ is a K -monomorphism. Since $(X, H(X), u_X, v_X)$ is an automorphism-invariant right K -module, there exists an endomorphism (γ, θ) of $(X, H(X), u_X, v_X)$ such that (γ, θ) is an extension of (α, β) . Thus, $\gamma : X \rightarrow X$ is an extension of α . We deduce that X is an automorphism-invariant right R -module.

Similarly, we also prove that Y is an automorphism-invariant right S -module. \square

By [13, Lemma 3.8.1] and Theorem 15, we have the following result:

Corollary 16. *Let $K = \begin{pmatrix} R & M \\ N & S \end{pmatrix}$ and (X, Y, f, g) be a right K -module. Assume that $MN = R$ and $NM = S$. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) (X, Y, f, g) is an automorphism-invariant right K -module.
- (2) (a) X is an automorphism-invariant right R -module.
 (b) Y is an automorphism-invariant right S -module.

Corollary 17. *Let e be a non-zero idempotent of a ring R , $K = \begin{pmatrix} R & Re \\ eR & eRe \end{pmatrix}$ and (X, Y, f, g) be a right K -module. Assume that \tilde{f} and \tilde{g} are isomorphisms. Then (X, Y, f, g) is an automorphism-invariant right K -module if and only if X is an automorphism-invariant right R -module and Y is an automorphism-invariant right eRe -module.*

If e is an idempotent of a ring R such that $ReR = R$ then $R \approx eRe$. So in this case, we have:

Corollary 18. *Let e be an idempotent of a ring R such that $ReR = R$ and $K = \begin{pmatrix} R & Re \\ eR & eRe \end{pmatrix}$. Assume that R is a right fa -ring and \tilde{f}, \tilde{g} are isomorphisms. Then (eR, Re, f, g) is an automorphism-invariant right K -module.*

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